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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Sterner et al.

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A
PLASTIC FILM HAVING
IMPROVED CHARACTERISTICS,
APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING
THE METHOD, AND FILM THUS
OBTAINED

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

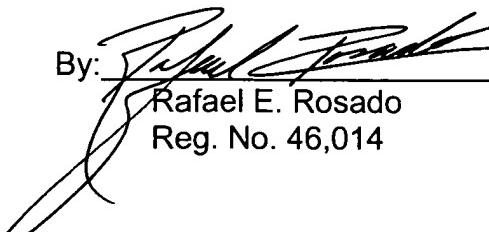
In a restriction requirement dated June 4, 2002, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I - Claims 1-16, and Group II, Claims 17-24. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-16 drawn to a method for producing a plastic film.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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